

Recommendation of the University Committee to Develop Procedure for Distance Participation in Faculty Meetings and Faculty Senate Meetings

In order to ensure that faculty members of UWM-Waukesha and UWM-Washington County have an equal opportunity to participate in faculty governance, the University Committee has initiated the following method of attendance at governance meetings.

Attendance: For Faculty Meetings and the Faculty Senate, faculty will be able to participate through video conferencing in a single, designated room on each campus. Participation via these locations will satisfy attendance requirements as defined in UWM P&P 1.06(5). One senator at each location will be responsible for counting for a quorum at Faculty meetings. Faculty senators' names will be called during roll call for counting toward quorum at Senate meetings. If senators arrive after roll call, they will email the Secretary of the University during the meeting.

Voting: For voice votes, separate voice votes will be called for each site. For Senate votes conducted through electronic means, senators participating from Waukesha or Washington County will use a written ballot which will be tallied by a senator and which will be orally presented to the Senate.

Rationale:

The addition of the College of General Studies to the UWM governance structure has made equal representation based on in-person participation by faculty located in Waukesha or Washington County unfeasible due to distance and scheduling conflicts. Therefore, faculty will be allowed to participate via video conferencing.